CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	41576_58656_123_582lo.jpg
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Medium:	Computer Image File
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Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	26 July 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file tends to promote and support the exploitation of children or young people for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable.

The file has a small, poor quality image depicting a girl who appears to be an older child or young teenager displaying her almost naked buttocks for the camera in an overtly sexual manner. The purpose of the image is sexual titillation or arousal. Images such as this invite viewers to see young girls as sexually available and ready for adult forms of sexual activity. The effect is to create or reinforce a sexual interest in children or young people and thus encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.